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Reports from Matanzas, Cardenas, Isabela de Sagua, and Caibarien—Cases of yellow fever at Isabela de Sagua serious.

MATANZAS, CUBA, September 19, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the following sanitary report of the quarantine district under my command for the week ended September 15, 1900:

Matanzas.—Thirteen deaths occurred in the city of Matanzas during the period covered by this report, showing a mortality of 14.98 per 1,000. The principal causes of death were as follows: Tuberculosis, 6; enteritis, 1; pernicious fever, 1; infantile tetanus, 1; other causes, 4. One case of typhoid fever was reported during the week. Five vessels arrived during the week; 3 of these were inspected and passed and 2 passed without inspection. Four bills of health were issued to foreign vessels. The Spanish brig *Maria Teresa*, bound for Savannah, Ga., was disinfected on the 15th instant at this port. Ninety-two health certificates were issued to persons leaving the island. Fourteen immune certificates were issued to laborers employed by the Munson boats at ports on the north coast of the island for discharging cargoes. Fifty-five pieces of baggage were inspected and passed and 44 pieces disinfected. Nineteen bundles of clothes and bedding were disinfected belonging to the Spanish brig *Maria Teresa*.

Cardenas.—Acting Asst. Surg. Enrique Saez reports that 5 deaths occurred in Cardenas during the week of the following causes: Enteritis, 1; atresia, 1; bronchitis, 1; senility, 1; cancer, 1. No cases of infectious or contagious character were reported. The death rate during the week was 10.50 per 1,000. Five coasting vessels arrived during the week. No bill of health was issued during the week.

Isabela de Sagua.—Acting Asst. Surg. Pedro Garcia Riera reports that the death rate during the week was 28.16 per 1,000. One foreign vessel was inspected and passed on arrival, 2 bills of health were issued to foreign vessels, and 9 certificates of inspection issued to coasting vessels. The 2 cases of yellow fever reported on the 16th instant are of serious character. Both are Spaniards. All precautions have been taken to isolate the cases.

Caibarien.—Acting Asst. Surg. Leoncio Junco reports that the sanitary condition of port and town is good, malarial fever being the prevalent disease. Four vessels arrived and were passed without inspection. One bill of health was issued to a foreign vessel and 3 certificates of inspection to coasting vessels.

Respectfully;

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Reports from Nuevitas and subports.

NUEVITAS, CUBA, September 18, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended September 15, 1900:

Nuevitas.—During this week 5 vessels have arrived and 7 bills of health have been issued. Only 1 death has occurred, and no quarantinable disease has been reported nor is known to exist in this town. The weather continues to be hot, with occasional heavy showers.